

Remarks/Arguments

The amendment to the specification has been made to update the priority information that had previously been submitted in a Preliminary Amendment. No new matter thereby enters.

Response to Detailed Action

Double Patenting

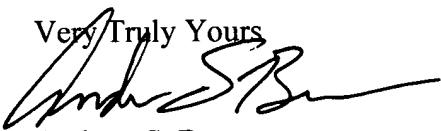
In reply to paragraphs 1 and 2 of the detailed action, in which claims 1-41 stand rejected under obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-47 of U.S. Patent 6,440,551 or claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent 6,699,578 in view of Ovier et al. (U.S. Patent 4,797,317), Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection over a Prior Patent and a declaration which indicates that the present application and the two cited patents are currently owned by the same party, and that the inventor named in the application is the prior inventor under 35 U.S.C. 104.

Conclusion

In view of the submission herewith of a Terminal Disclaimer and Declaration, Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit a notice of such allowance.

If the Examiner believes that direct communication will expedite prosecution of this application, she is invited to directly contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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Very Truly Yours

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